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SUBJECT: MBFR: TRILATERAL EXPERTS MEETING

1. AS AGREED IN RECENT CONSULTATIONS, WE ARE PLANNING EXPERTS MEETING MARCH 12 TO DISCUSS CEILINGS ISSUE. FOR THIS PURPOSE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE UK AND FRG COMMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS ON CEILINGS QUESTIONS BY MARCH 10, AS PROMISED BY THEM. WE ASSUME LONDON AND BONN WILL ALSO EXCHANGE THESE PAPERS. FOR ITS PART, US SIDE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO TRANSMIT ITS OWN VIEWS AND ANSWERS ON OPEN CEILINGS QUESTIONS TO UK AND GERMANS SOONEST, BEFORE MARCH

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2. BECAUSE TIME IS SHORT, YOU ARE REQUESTED TO ASK HOST GOVERNMENTS IMMEDIATELY WHETHER: (A) THEIR PAPERS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO USG BY MORNING MARCH 10 WASHINGTON TIME; (B) MARCH 12 DATE FIRM; AND (C) BONN IS ACCEPTABLE VENUE. WE HAVE NO STRONG PREFERENCE FOR VENUE AND WOULD BE WILLING TO MEET IN BONN OR LONDON PARTICULARLY IF THIS WOULD FACILITATE MATTERS FOR GERMANS AND BRITISH AND ENABLE THEM TO ADHERE TO AGREED TIMETABLE FOR EXPERTS' MEETING.

3. REPORT RESULTS IMMEDIATELY, IF POSSIBLE BY COB, MARCH 6.
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